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BY ECF

Hon. P. Kevin Castel United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Winston Carver</u> 25-Cr-75 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

I represent defendant Winston Carver in the above-captioned matter. Mr. Carver was arraigned on an indictment on March 12, 2025, charging one count of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g). His next court date is a conference scheduled for September 2.

At Mr. Carver's request, I write to inform the Court that he wishes to seek substitution of counsel in this matter due to a breakdown in the attorney-client relationship. I have notified the government that Mr. Carver was making this request. I am happy to provide further information about the breakdown in communication if the Court wishes. Should the Court wish to hold a hearing on this request, please note that defense counsel will be <u>unavailable</u> on August 1, August 5, and August 7.

Sincerely,

Michael Arthus

Assistant Federal Defender

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cc. (by ECF): AUSA Adam Hobson

Natali is provisionally appointed, pursuant to the CJA, to represent Mr. Carver. Mr. Arthus and Ms. Todd should appear at the September 2, 2025 conference.

SO ORDERED Dated: 7/31/2025

P. Kevin Castel

United States District Judge

cc: Natali J.H. Todd